

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

5 A pressure generator is driven to eject ink droplets from a nozzle
orifice such that a plurality of flushing operations are intermittently repeated
with a first time interval, when a recording operation of a recording head is not
performed. Each flushing operation includes a plurality of ink ejections
repeated for a predetermined times with a second time interval which is shorter
than the first time interval. The ink near the nozzle orifice is residually
vibrated between the flushing operations, so that the viscous ink is diffused
10 and the viscous ink is effectively expelled.